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Dear Mother + Folks

How is everyone today? We are now sleeping in hotels at Nice. Were sleeping in tents about five miles outside of Nice but we were flooded out. We were sleeping in mud + water almost night over our beds. It sure was an awful place + if we had stated there much longer we probly all would have been dead.

Our outfit is sleeping in two different hotels, it is about the best I have had it since coming into the Army. We have roll-call every other morning + no details, so in all we are really on a furlough. We will lead for a staging Area on the 10th of this month. If they don't freak us around we should be on a boat about before the last of the month.

Had a letter from Marion + Mother + El + one from Chubby Tracy

who is in Okey. He is now in the 50th Div as an Aid. Man. Has 44 points so doesn't expect to get home for a while. Glad you have gotten the money orders. Will be able to bring home up to 500.00 dollars so will not send any more money.

Had a letter from Frank & he is back to work. Has a fully ~~equipped~~ job-but it is a good paying job. Says he wants to get a little money saved up before his wife comes. From his last letter I guess he really had a swell time on his visit.

Boy I see that you are really getting big. I know I will not know her when I get home. Got the package with the gum & candy & sure did enjoy it. Guess it is time for chow. We eat at a fine hotel here with table cloths & dishes & everything. Boy it sure does seem funny not eating out of mess-kits. Guess they are trying to get us in that civilian habit.

Love to all

"Dick"